Pradesh under the scheme of Central financial assistance. For such projects, State is treated as a unit and hence district-wise details are not maintained in the Department of Tourism.

(b) Out of 104 projects, 23 have been completed.

(c) The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for important tourism projects identified in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations. The following projects in Uttar pradesh have been identified during the current financial year and the State Government has been requested to send detailed project proposals:—

(i) Development of Lucknow as a tourist destination.

(ii) Rural tourism project at Chiraigaon in Varanasi District.

Inclusion of Tourism in Priority Sector

724. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen the definition of priority sector lending to include tourism in the priority sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal to accord priority to tourism sector would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) In order to provide impetus to the growth and development of tourism, Department of Tourism has recommended to the Ministry of Finance that tourism industry be made eligible for lending under the priority sector by Banks.

Construction of 'Mahadwara' to "Mangladevi Temple" in Karnataka

725. SHRI JANARDANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Shri Mangaladevi, an ancient temple in Mangalore, District Daksin Kannada, Karnataka, attracting a large number of devotees from far and near have applied to the Archaeological Survey of India seeking permission to construct the 'Mahadwara' to the temple;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;